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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown for the week ended December 5, 1903.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of December 7, 1903:

Buildings reinspected.....	273
Rooms	2, 816
Persons inspected	2, 155
Sick	46
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary.....	11
Dead examined	6
Necropsies.....	1
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	39
Number showing pest infection	None
Places limed and disinfected	995
Times streets swept.....	3
Sewers flushed	16
Notices served to abate plumbing nuisances	20
Plumbing nuisances abated	10
Undergoing abatement	20
Total number of plumbing inspections.....	114

Steam disinfecting plants for use at certain ports on west coast of Mexico.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Hugh S. Cumming, at San Francisco quarantine, reports, November 25, as follows:

As a matter of interest in sanitation on this coast, I have the honor to inform you that the Pacific mail steamship *Newport*, which arrived at this port to-day, brought up for the Mexican Government steam disinfecting plants to be used at the ports of San Blas, Mazatlan, and Manzanillo.

The plants, from the description, consisted of steam chambers about 5 or 6 meters long, with boilers, etc., and came from Hamburg, Germany.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo.

LAREDO, TEX., December 2, 1903.

WYMAN, Washington:

Laredo, Minera, and New Laredo report nothing. No report from Cannel. Six hundred and eighty-two containers, 3 tanks, 7 wells, 8 excavations, and 77 premises oiled; 316 premises inspected and 52 houses with 182 rooms disinfected.

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